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Filed: November 8, 1999)	Art Unit: 2154
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For: DISTRIBUTED INTERFACE)	Attorney Docket No.: SAA-CTC-2
ARCHITECTURE FOR)	(402P337)
PROGRAMMABLE INDUSTRIAL)	
CONTROL SYSTEMS)	

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Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO DECEMBER 12, 2005 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 12, 2005. This Reply is being submitted within the three month shortened statutory time period.

Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.